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Description: ff. iii + 22 + ii - Bequeathed by Gustavus A. Pfeiffer. - De Ricci, Supplement, 330. Franco Pratesi, "Ignoto, ma incompleto," Informazione Scacchi VI: 2 (1996), 63-7.

Number of Parts: 1 - *Number of Images Available:* 6

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Language: Latin *Country:* Italy? *Century:* 15th

Part 1: ff. 1-22v

Description: - Paper - Carriage with two wheels - 218 x 146 mm - 3 chess boards drawn per page, with column of explanation in outside margin. Ruled in red pen. Catchword on f. 11v. Prickings visible.

Country: Italy?

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Script: Gothic cursive

Notes: Pratesi, in ref to watermark: "Quel marchio specifico risalirebbe al 1470 ma il tipo e` attestato a Fabriano dal 1424 e personalmente limiterei la datazione della copia in esame alla prima meta del secolo." (63) Latin

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Text 1: ff. 1-22v

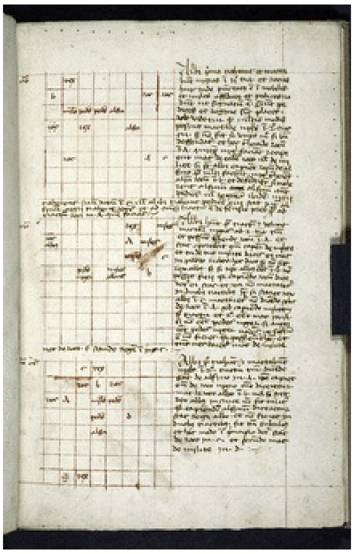
Title: Diagrams of chess problems

Language(s): Latin

Incipit: Albi primo trahunt et mactabunt

Notes: F. Pratesi: unlike most medieval books of chess problems, is not strictly organized by # of moves. Identifies exemplar as a ms of the type "Civis Bononiae." Gives specific information on the copying and unusual organization of this collection (65-6).

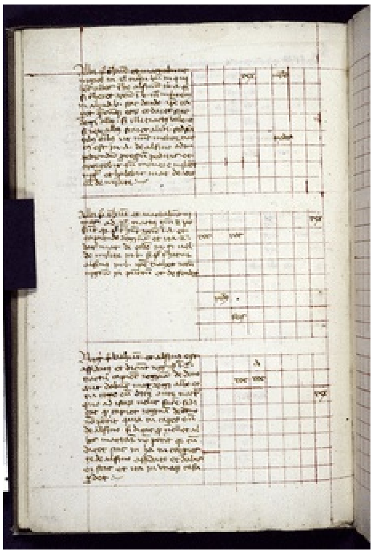
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f. 1 Opening of text. Three problems, all solved, with both white and black pieces shown.

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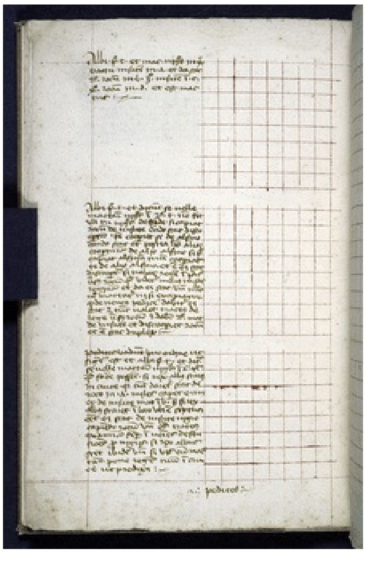
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f. 3v Three problems with only black pieces shown on charts.

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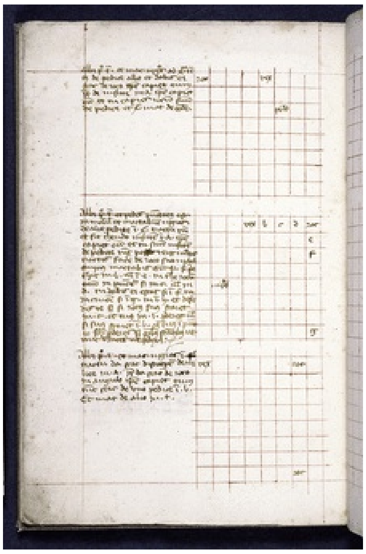
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f. 11v Three problems with no men shown on board; catchword.

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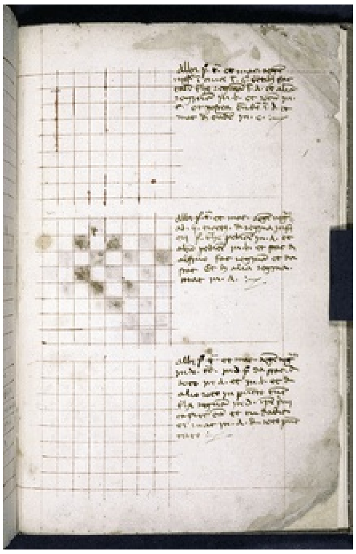
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f. 19v Three problems with black pieces shown on board.

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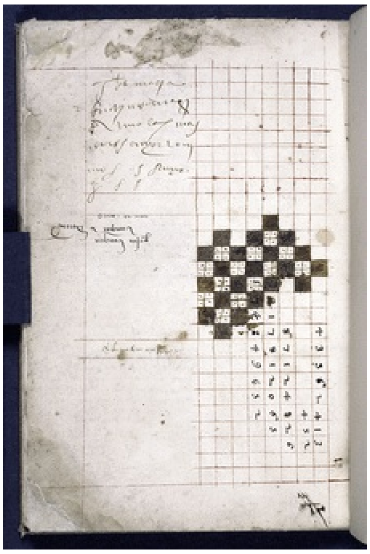
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f. 22 Three problems with end of explanations in main hand.

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f. 22v Three problems with later hands and numbering/drawing.

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